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SUBJECT: BARBADIAN CANDIDATURE TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL
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REF: (A) BRIDGETOWN A-001 (NOTAL); (B) OTTAWA 01110

1. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES ATTRACTIVENESS OF REPAIR'S
ARGUMENTS RAISED IN FAVOR OF POSITIVE USG RESPONSE TO THE
GOB REQUEST FOR SUPPORT IN ELECTIONS TO UNDP GOVERNING
COUNCIL AND ECOSOC SEATS, BUT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS PREVAIL.

2. OUR POLICY OF NOT SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS LIKE
THIS IS A LONGSTANDING ONE. CURRENT PRACTICE REDUCES THE
POLITICKING THAT WOULD ENSURE UNDER AN OPEN SYSTEM; IT
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HELPS TO PREVENT EMBARRASSING OR DIFFICULT SITUATIONS,
AS IN CHOOSING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE
WARM RELATIONS; IT HELPS TO ENSURE A DEGREE OF COHESIVENESS
AND COOPERATION WITHIN THE GROUP BECAUSE THE COUNTRY CANDI-
DATES ARE, IN FACT, COMPROMISES MOST ACCEPTABLE TO THE
REGION AND WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL BEST REPRESENT THE
GROUP'S INTEREST IN THESE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS'

GOVERNING BODIES.

3. POSTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DRAW AS APPROPRIATE ON THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE LANGUAGE IN PREPARING REPLIES TO THE GOB LETTER AND NOTE.

QUOTE

- THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (EMBASSY) MAY BE
- ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL GIVE
- CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE CANDIDACY OF THE GOVERN-
- MENT OF BARBADOS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EMBASSY OF
- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CALLS THE ATTENTION OF
- THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (EMBASSY OF BARBADOS)
- TO THE USUAL PRACTICE OF THE UNITED STATES IN SUCH
- INSTANCES, WHICH IS TO DEFER TAKING A POSITION UNTIL
- THE PREFERENCES OF THE RELEVANT REGION HAVE BEEN
- INDICATED WITH REGARD TO THE CANDIDATES ELIGIBLE
- FOR ELECTION FROM A GIVEN GROUP UNDER THE PROCEDURES
- ESTABLISHED TO IDENTIFY GROUP MEMBERSHIP IN EACH
- UNITED NATIONS BODY.

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